

SEEK TO EASE STRICT STATE ABORTION LAW

Well, Doggone! Who'll Be Next?

Store Issues Credit Card To Family Dog

TROY (AP) — Donald L. Boyd said he waived the credit card application he received in the mail and told his wife: "Sometime I think they would give these credit cards to a dog."

Mrs. Boyd disagreed. An argument ensued, which Boyd said was concluded when a department store mailed an approved credit card to the family watchdog.

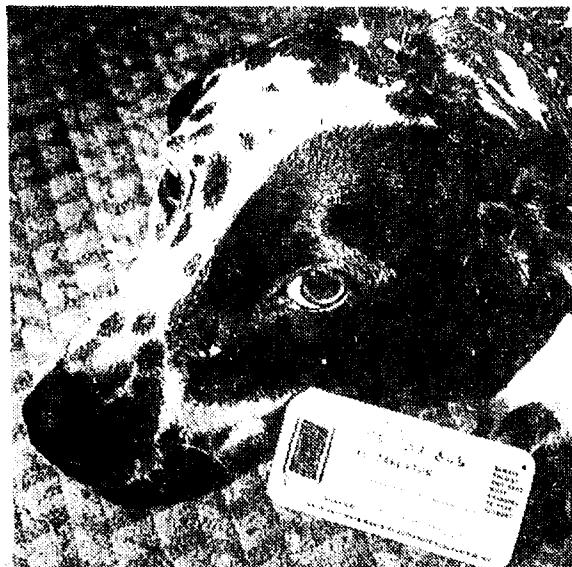
Boyd says the store has sent their Dalmatian, named Tarey-ton Boyd, circulars calling her a "preferred customer."

A supervisor with the General Motors Corp. financial department Boyd said he listed her age on the credit card application last summer as 27 years, and put down the occupation "watchdog."

He also said he did not list either an income or a Social Security number. Boyd, who already had a credit account with the store, said he signed the dog's name to the application.

Boyd, father of three children, admits he's been tempted to follow the advice the dog received from the store. He said to ask the new credit card holder to bring no money, but to go to the store for the "friendly assistance of our courteous sales people."

He never plans, however, to use the card. Boyd just said he won his argument with his wife.



PREFERRED CUSTOMER: This proud Dalmatian now has his own credit card and is rated a "preferred customer" by a department store in Troy. The dog's owner, Donald L. Boyd, grew annoyed by numerous credit card application forms he received. Boyd bet his wife their pet Dalmatian could qualify for a card. He filled in an application form for the dog, listing its occupation as "watchdog." Boyd won his bet. (AP Wirephoto)

Liberal New Bill Offered

Old Statute Faces Legal Challenge

LANSING (AP) — Far-reaching abortion reform proposals—including one that could allow a woman pregnant for less than three months to undergo the operation in a private clinic—were prepared for introduction in the Michigan Senate today.

At the same time, the bill's sponsor, Sen. Gilbert Bursley, asked Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley about the validity of current Michigan law which allows abortions only when the mother's life is endangered.

"When you're fighting a war, you fight it on all fronts," said the Ann Arbor Republican.

Law VOIDED

Bursley's letter to Kelley was prompted by U.S. Supreme Court refusal Tuesday to review a California Supreme Court ruling which voided the state's former abortion law. California since has passed a liberalized measure which was not involved in court action.

The old California law prohibited abortion in all cases except those "necessary to preserve" the life of the mother.

The California court ruled that language—identical to a phrase in Michigan law—was unconstitutional.

"Would it be your opinion," Bursley asked Kelley, "that the present Michigan statute might be invalidated for the same reasons as expressed in California? Or should this be the subject of a test case?"

Bursley and Sen. John McCauley, D-Wyandotte—sponsors of pending abortion reform bills—both prepared alternatives for colleagues' consideration.

Bursley's latest bill would allow a woman resident, less than 13 weeks pregnant, to obtain a legal abortion in an accredited hospital or "other facility authorized by the director of the State Department of Public Health."

Bursley said the director could set standards involving sanitation and safety, and allow the operation to be performed in clinics and doctors' offices. Otherwise, he said, "hospitals might be swamped."

The bill also contains provisions relieving physicians of any criminal liability and a "conscience clause," allowing any doctor, hospital or employee to refuse participation in the operation.

After the third month of pregnancy, an abortion would be legal only when there was "significant risk that continuance of the pregnancy would seriously endanger" the patient's mental or physical health.

McCauley sponsored a similar but more restricted bill last year. That bill, allowing termination of pregnancy in an accredited hospital by an accredited doctor, awaits Senate committee action together with a McCauley bill deleting abortion from the state criminal code and a Bursley bill allowing abortion under limited circumstances.

NARROW DEFEAT

The Bursley bill was defeated last year, 16-17. His new proposal was cosponsored by McCauley and Sen. Harry DeMaso, R-Battle Creek. McCauley's latest measures (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

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BRAVE FLOWERS: A few sunny days in February bring forth crocuses as a harbinger of the blooms of spring. Kevin Lowell, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lowell, closely inspects these flowers blooming in the yard of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, 1462 Castle Court, St. Joseph. (Staff photo)

Algiers Motel Case In Hands Of Jury

Rights Violation Charged

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A federal search for reported snipers.

BODIES FOUND

The bodies of three black youths were found later at the inner city motel. All had been killed by close-range shotgun blasts.

The prosecution contended that the defendants beat up the motel occupants because they were black, and because other blacks were rioting. The defense accused the government of presenting its case as though it were a trial for murder rather than for conspiracy.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth McIntyre asked the all-white jury to find the defendants guilty as charged, because, he said, they acted jointly and for the same purposes in beating and terrorizing the occupants of the motel.

On trial are Ronald August, 30; Robert Paille, 34; and David Senak, 25, the three suspended white policemen; and Melvin Dismukes, 26, a Negro private guard.

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Logical Program To Ease BH Fiscal Crisis

The Benton Harbor city commission appears to have done a good job of sorting out alternatives to come up with a feasible solution to the Sister City's fiscal crisis.

It wants Benton Harbor voters to approve a four-mill boost in property taxes. In turn, the commission promises budget cuts.

The program isn't painless. No tax boost is these days. But it's logical, fair, and seems susceptible of accomplishment.

The only real disadvantage is the adverse effect it may have on school construction and operating millage propositions destined to come up in the near future. And that's a bridge the community will just have to cross when it comes to it.

No community can make progress unless it provides good municipal and school services. The only way to get them is to pay for them.

By charter, the City of Benton Harbor is limited to \$10 per thousand dollars of equalized

valuation for general operating purposes. State law permits up to \$20. Many Michigan cities are higher than \$10, including almost all of Benton Harbor's size or bigger. And there are not a few cities collecting the full \$20.

So the four-mill request is not out of line. Moreover, it's apt to create less hostility among business people than a city income tax, an alternative that was considered and dropped by the commission, because it appeared hard to sell and expensive to enforce.

After months of discussion about a fiscal crisis that would put Benton Harbor at least half a million in the red annually, Commissioner Greg Longpre broached the four-mill plan Monday night.

The plan includes some budget cutbacks, because the four-mill tax will raise only \$240,000 a year. And another Longpre recommendation is to get the city police and fire pension costs within manageable proportions.

All these things need to be done. Longpre and the other commission members who supported him will get some bricks. They don't deserve them. Instead, they should have the support, and the votes of every resident really interested in making Benton Harbor the outstanding city its natural resources make potentially possible.

Non-Dissenters Will Protest

In his new book Justice Douglas says young dissenters are reaffirming faith in man — a view from which many non-dissenters dissent.

Another Crusade To Help American Indians

The heads of seven federal agencies are — by the end of this month — scheduled to unveil plans for improving the lot of American Indians. Many Indians, particularly the embittered band that has seized Alcatraz Island, may figure the only genuine solution would be for all other Americans to pack up and go back to the Old World from whence they came. The "Indian problem" has been worked up and foisted over for centuries now — until hope is almost gone.

The Indian is a stranger in his own homeland. Even the name is not his. He has been an Indian for only 500 years — since European explorers sought the Indies and found a New World. For centuries before that he was a Dakota, a Sioux, a Shoshone, a Cherokee or a Navajo — or one of the hundreds of other distinct peoples who controlled this continent. This is a heritage he wants restored.

Helping the Indian is one thing liberals and conservatives seem to agree on. Excluded from the black power movement by separatist-minded militants, liberals are being attracted to the cause of Indian rights. On the other side, Vice President Agnew has declared: "Indian people are still the most poverty-stricken Americans — and it is outrageous that this should be so." The Nixon Administration, he says, will "attack the raw truth."

Acting as chairman of the National Council on Indian Opportunity, the Vice President on Jan. 26 instructed the heads of a wide range of government de-

partments to come up with responses to Indian demands for help within 30 days. The outcome is regarded by Indian leaders as a test of whether the administration will meet Indian needs with more aid than rhetoric. The fiscal 1971 budget requests about \$325 million for the 400,000 Indians on reservations. Total spending during the present fiscal year on all Indian programs is \$525 million.

But Indians who have made it past the average Indian life span of 44 years — one-third less than the national average of 64 years — have heard it all before. A recent book states: "The libraries of official Washington have become crowded morgues for reports which document that Indians are denied basic civil rights... that Indian welfare payments and services are inadequate; that many Indians go hungry; that Indian housing is a travesty."

Recent Presidents have declared on several occasions that no Americans are poorer as a class than the Indians living on reservations. The Kennedy and Johnson administrations called for studies of the problem. In his 1967 State of the Union message, President Johnson said his administration would make "a major effort to provide self-help assistance" to Indians. Little progress was made.

The grocery list of proposals submitted to the federal agencies by the six Indian members of the National Council on Indian Opportunity range from an Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Interior Department to a "massive infusion of funds" for the education of Indian children. Between 50 and 60 per cent of all Indian children drop out of school. Suicides among Indian teenagers average three times the national rate.

The major target of Indian attack is the Bureau of Indian Affairs — the government agency that since 1834 has determined the Indian's way of life. Indian leaders have long considered it "a major hurdle to Indian progress." But at the same time they do not want it abolished. They believe the bureau represents the only defense against extinction of Indians as a racial and cultural entity.

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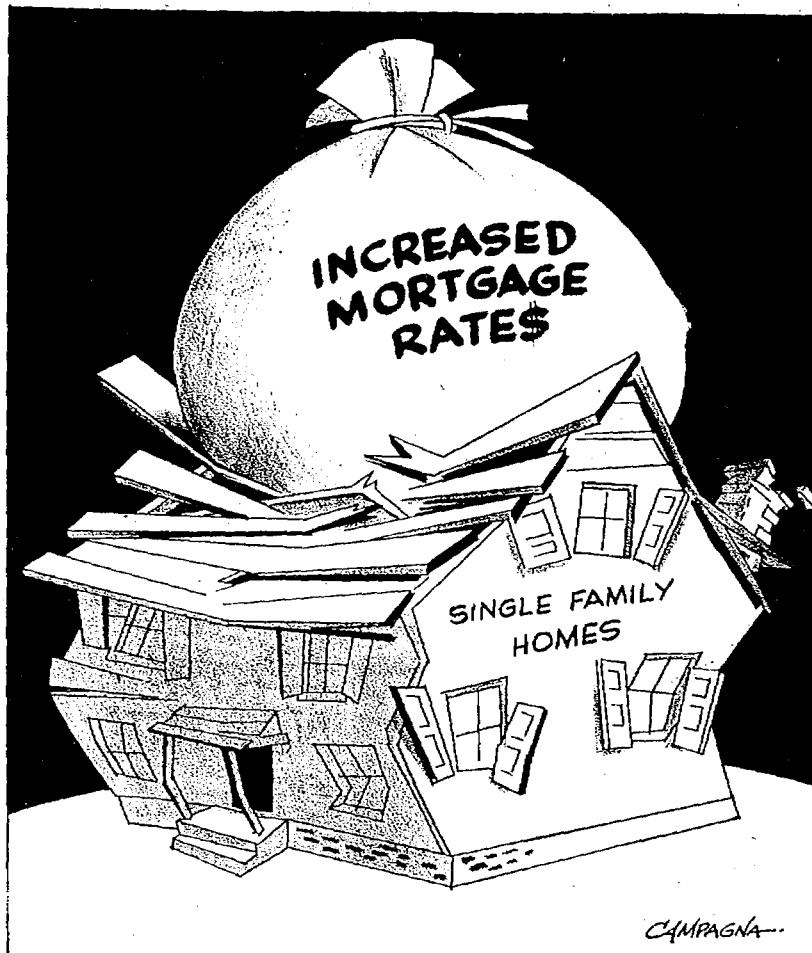
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The Crunch



GLANCING BACKWARDS

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OKAYED

—1 Year Ago—
Two improvement projects, one involving drainage in the Hilltop-South State street area, were approved last night by the St. Joseph city commission.

Contracts for the drainage project and the first phase of installing new restroom facilities in the city fire station called for an outlay of \$11,000 in labor and cash.

MICHIGAN BELL STARTS PROJECT

—10 Years Ago—
Work is underway on a \$58,000 project to expand the capacity of the St. Joseph dial telephone exchange.

Fred W. Kittridge, area manager for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, said the expenditure is part of the \$419,000 the company will spend in the exchange this year to improve

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

An artificial caviar has been produced by its scientists of Moscow's Institute of Elemento-Organic Compounds. Wonder if it tastes egg-act like the real stuff?

Roses, petunias, and many other plants suffer, just like humans, from air pollution. What a blooming shame!

Astronomers say the Milky Way is made up of between 200 and 300 billion stars. That's quite a difference of opinion!

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1—What French composer wrote "Boleoro"?

2—What country was referred to by Napoleon as "perfidious Albion"?

3—Who was Moloch?

4—What have the following in common: Munchner, Pilsener, Wurtzburger?

5—Against whom did the Sepoys rebel in 1872?

YOUR FUTURE

Your outlook is excellent, especially for love and domesticity. Today's child will be of happy nature.

BORN TODAY

Pierre Renoir took a sensuous, visual delight in life and the world around him and he put that feeling into his paintings. He became one of the great masters of modern French painting.

Renoir was born in Limoges in 1841. At 13 he was apprenticed to a manufacturer of porcelain and in painting on china he acquired a taste for pure and transparent color and subtle brushwork.

After earning money in painting fans and blinds, he followed, with pronounced modern modifications, certain traditions of the French 18th century school. In his later period, form was

and expand service.

YANKS HIT TOKYO AREA

—25 Years Ago—
Industrial targets in the Tokyo area and elsewhere on Japan's main island of Honshu took a powerful one-two punch from American aerial might yesterday as wave after wave of carrier-based planes roared over followed by more than 200 superfortresses, largest B-29 fleet ever assembled.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communiqué today made no further mention of the carrier strike, maintaining the same silence which followed the Fifth fleet's two-day carrier smash against Tokyo Feb. 16 and 17.

NEW STATION

—35 Years Ago—
In the Vatican City, Pope Pius celebrated the 18th anniversary of his coronation in mid-February by inaugurating a new broadcasting station,

ORGANIZE TROUPE

—79 Years Ago—
George E. Stevens is organizing a dramatic company and will start out on the road again.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Adopting An Adult

In the mind's eye, the word "adoption" conjures up a vision of doting parents taking possession of a gurgling infant — theirs at last to raise as their very own child.

That is, indeed, a typical scene in an adoption court. But there is another, quite different kind of adoption. In most states it is just as lawful to adopt an adult as to adopt a child. Furthermore, in terms of legal formalities, it is even easier.

WHY AN ADULT?

For example, it is usually not necessary to get the consent of the adult's natural parents, as it is with a child, or to go through a waiting period before the adoption becomes final.

Why would anybody want to adopt an adult? Obviously, it is not to "raise" him. In most cases, the purpose is simply to make him the heir of the adopting parent or parents.

In fact, the procedure has been attacked for just that reason. In one case a childless old man adopted three of his relatives, each one middle-aged. After the man died, several other relatives went to court to challenge the adoption.

"There is nothing humanitarian about the whole thing," they argued. "It is merely a device to cut us out of the estate leaving these three as the only heirs."

But the court ruled that even if this was true, it did not invalidate the adoption.

"This motive," said the court, "is perfectly proper one."

EXCESSIVE POWER

Nevertheless, critics fear that the mere possibility of an adult adoption may lend encouragement to fortune hunters. In another case, a widower adopted his youthful housekeeper just before he died. This meant she could share in the man's estate along with his natural children.

But in a court hearing, the children pointed out that the young woman had also been their father's mistress, that he had become mentally infirm, and that she had wielded excessive power over him.

The court thereupon decided the adoption was null and void.

The judge said an adult adoption, used as a substitute for a will, should — like a will — be free of undue influence.

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DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

For years, I have been taking laxatives and I believe I have used every kind that has been suggested by my doctors and my friends. Are there any new drugs for the relief of chronic constipation?

Mrs. G. T. A., Missouri

Dear Mrs. A.: Thousands of people like you are caught in the trap of using habit-forming laxatives. For years, you have tried every conceivable kind without interruption. I am sure that you have never taken the sage advice "that the best laxative is the one that you Dr. Coleman is using."

The concern that many people have about "regularity" may well be the result of ingenious advertising campaigns that focus attention on time-clock bowel movements.

When once it is found that there is no intestinal abnormality to account for chronic constipation, concern should diminish. Stress, emotional anxiety and other psychological reasons can account for this condition. It is for this reason that pressure on infants, by premature toilet training, may lead to the "chronic constipation syndrome" in later life.

If your doctor permits it, try this excellent "new wonder laxative." Take six glasses of water each day, have a well-balanced diet with fresh and cooked fruits, and destroy the compulsion — clock that forces you into the endless search for unnecessary laxatives.

Can a cauliflower eat that happened while wrestling be fixed?

Mr. E.V., Washington

Dear Mr. V.: I know from the rest of your letter that you are in high school and on the wrestling team. A cauliflower ear is the result of a severe

injury to the outer ear which is followed by a hemorrhage into the tissue beneath the skin. The blood accumulates under a thin but tough covering of the cartilage of the ear. Unless this is emptied quickly, the ear can become severely distorted and cause permanent disfigurement. When once chronic changes take place, it is difficult to repair the ear so that it returns completely to its normal state.

It is for this reason that wrestlers and all athletes playing in contact sports must provide their ears and head with safe and adequate protection.

Without any known cause, my daughter, aged 17, has suddenly lost most of her eyelashes and her eyebrows. She is terribly embarrassed and is in a constant state of high-strung emotions. What caused this and will the hair return?

Mrs. S. F., Delaware

Dear Mrs. F.: When this happens, in the absence of recent infection with high fever, two major possible reasons exist. The first is an allergy to cosmetics that are used around the eyes and the hair. The second is the one that has already suggested itself to you. Emotional upsets in a high-strung adolescent is probably the major reason for this condition. Perhaps psychological guidance will help carry her through this difficult period until the hair regrows.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Unless your next-door neighbor is a doctor, forget such a friend's medical advice.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism — A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1970

Twin City
News

'EYE FOR EYE' THEORY FAILURE, JUDGE SAYS



SNO FUN: Miss Jo Gardner of 1104 Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph, an elementary school teacher, slipped on the ice in front of her home Jan. 23 and broke her ankle. Now well on the way to recovery she cleans the snow off her drive so she won't run into the same ice situation again, she has doctor's permission to return to her Jefferson fourth grade class teaching position Friday. (Staff photo)

Clerk Fails To Post \$300 Bond

Charged In Sale Of Pornography

The clerk at a downtown Benton Harbor bookstore raided Friday night by police was charged yesterday in Fifth District court with being a disorderly person who sold pornographic material.

William Palmer, 27, of Hamtramck, stood mute to the charge when he appeared before Judge Harry Laity. He was committed to jail when he failed to post the \$300 bond.

Located at 102 West Main street, the store opened for the first time Friday morning and was raided at 5 p.m. that evening. Benton Harbor police confiscated some 1,000 magazines and paperback books from the rear portion of the store. The area was open to persons 18 and over for the admission price of \$1 each. Conventional reading material at the front of the store was not removed.

Sodus Names Kruck To Board Of Review

The Sodus township board last night named Richard Kruck to the township board of review. Kruck replaces Howard DeLisle who retired from the review board after many years of service.

The board voted to purchase for \$100 a voter registration record system from Doubleday Brothers & Co., Kalamazoo. The system is used to provide photo copies of voter registration lists upon request.

The board also awarded an accident policy for volunteer firemen to the Burnham and Flower insurance agency, Kalamazoo. It was reported that this agency deals extensively with the Michigan Township association.

Approved were general fund bills totaling \$203 and fire account bills totaling \$738.



DR. GEORGE A. PETRIDES

Three Told To Pay Off Arrearage

One Father Gets Year's Probation

One man alleged to be \$6,175 behind in support payments for children receiving Aid to Dependent Children grants was ordered to begin paying off the arrearage at \$10 a week Tuesday in Berrien circuit court.

Two others alleged to be more than \$500 behind also were ordered to make arrearage payments of \$2 and \$5 weekly.

Walter Crenshaw of Benton Harbor was ordered by Judge Karl F. Zick to pay \$40 a week child support for four children plus \$10 weekly on an arrearage totaling \$6,175, according to Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Clarence Washington of Benton Harbor was ordered by Judge Zick to continue \$40 weekly child support payments for four children plus \$2 weekly on \$520 arrearage, according to Schoenhals.

CASE ADJOURNED

The judge also adjourned Washington's case three months to see if he can arrange larger payments on the arrearage.

Barry Knapp of Hagar Shore was ordered by Judge Julian Hughes to continue \$16 weekly payments for one child plus \$5 weekly on an arrearage of \$14.50. Knapp also was found in contempt of court and was placed on probation for one year to Schoenhals.

The children in all cases are of prior marriages, Schoenhals said.

HOME FROM FLORIDA

NEW TROY—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schaeffer of rural New Troy have returned from a month's vacation in Florida. Among the friends they visited were Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Corey in St. Petersburg, former residents of New Troy and David Lovgren in Bradenton, a former resident of Sawyer.

Criminals Curable, He Claims

Prisons Breed Crime, Zick Tells Audience

Years ago criminal justice meant punishment.

The theory of "an eye for an eye" failed, prisons themselves bred crime and today society is faced with an army of criminals, Berrien Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick told Benton Harbor Exchange club members at Holiday Inn south of Benton Harbor Tuesday noon.

Criminals can be "cured," but it's going to cost money because Michigan prison budgets permit custodial care of inmates and little rehabilitation, Judge Zick said.

He compared the Michigan prison system, considered progressive, with model penal systems in Sweden and California. Both spend large sums on rehabilitation. California has work farms plus hospitals for alcoholics, narcotics addicts and mental cases.

WHAT IS BEST?

The test of a good sentence, the judge said, is "what is best for society and best for the individual (offender), keeping in mind the public must be protected."

There is a wide disparity in sentences, little understood by the public, because the judge has all the facts and can weigh a man on the basis of his record and the details of the offense.

In one case, a man who stole a pair of shoes drew a four-year prison term, a stiff sentence. But he was a professional shoplifter.

If at all possible, Judge Zick indicated, probation sentences rather than prison are to be preferred because probationers tend to make good while prison inmates tend to wind up back behind bars.

QUOTES STATISTICS

Though not 100 per cent accurate, statistics indicate 38 to 52 per cent of the men imprisoned in Michigan wind up behind bars again. For comparison, only 13 per cent of the men on probation here in 1968 committed violations serious enough to land them behind bars.

A popular notion that stiff sentences will deter crime is false, the judge indicated.

"A man doesn't commit a felony if he thinks he's going to be caught, or he wouldn't commit it."

Crime, however, can be linked to poor environment and poor parental upbringing. The judge called for greater public involvement in crime-fighting, stronger parental discipline to teach youngsters respect for authority, and he boosted the idea of an area juvenile detention center with some rehabilitation facilities.

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NOT LOCATED

Dog Bites BH Girl, 4

A 4-year-old girl, Michelle Ashley, was bitten on the face by a small black Pekingese yesterday while she was visiting friends at 634 Colfax avenue with her mother, Mrs. Norma Ashley, 978 Villa court.

Mrs. Ashley told Benton Harbor police her daughter saw the strange dog wander into the yard. She was bitten when she bent down to pet the dog. Michelle was treated and released from Benton Harbor Mercy hospital. The dog has not been located.



THE WEATHER'S CHANGED: Bright sunshine earlier this week sent temperatures into the 50's and anglers to the banks of the St. Joseph river. Here, Bob Lerke and Thomas Ibbotson (seated, left to right) are seen getting their lines wet. The two anglers said they were fishing for suckers and

Lerke reported catching two of them. Reports of a few Coho salmon catches between the St. Joseph piers also circulated among the riverbank fishermen. The scene here is near the Benton Harbor boat launching ramp along Riverview drive. (Staff photo)

COST TO SJ CHURCH ABOUT \$1,000

Vandals Damage Organ Pipes

St. Joseph police detectives are attempting to identify vandals who broke 43 tone pipes in the antiphonal echo organ chamber of the First Congregational church on Niles avenue

when he entered the church about 8 p.m. Sunday. Play dough from the nursery had also been strewn throughout the church.

The Rev. Fisk said the main organ, located in the chancel, was still operable, but the damaged pipes in the echo

chamber will have to be replaced before the echo organ can be played. Both are played from the main console of the church.

The pastor said it would probably cost \$1,000 or more to replace the pipes.

The organ was given to the church by retired St. Joseph industrialist Fred C. Palenske

in memory of his late wife, Maud Preston Palenske.

The pipes are part of a three-manual organ built and designed specifically for the church. The organ was dedicated in 1956 and contains 1,758 pipes divided between two chambers on either side of the chancel.

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SPECIALISTS TO SERVE PROBLEM FAMILIES

Buchanan
Commission
Backs PoolSchool District
Can Now Apply
For State Funds

BUCHANAN — A proposed school-community swimming pool received general endorsement by the Buchanan city commission last night.

The endorsement was needed to enable the Buchanan school district to apply for state recreation funds for the pool, according to Norman MacGillivray, director of the district's community education program.

The pool would be included in a proposed new high school and would cost about \$225,000. MacGillivray said the school expects to get \$38,000 toward the total cost through a \$100 million recreation bond issue approved by Michigan voters in 1968.

School district voters will decide the fate of the high school next Monday when they vote on a \$6.75 million bonding issue for construction.

TAXI SERVICE

The commission approved a request by Leon O. Myers of the Ace Cab Co., Niles, to operate a taxi service here. Buchanan has been without taxi service for several years.

Approved were the rezoning of a property on Red Bud Trail North at Fulton street from C-2 (commercial) to M-1 (light industry) so Fred Carbon can manufacture waffle irons. Rezoned from C-2 to R-1 (single-family residential) was another property on Fulton near Red Bud Trail.

In other matters, the commission voted to pay up to \$4,000 to Clyde E. Williams & Associates, South Bend consulting engineering firm, for preliminary design work to help establish a right-of-way for a proposed bypass from River street to the Niles-Buchanan road. The bypass would take traffic congestion from Clark Equipment Co. plant away from the downtown area.

A low bid of \$11,650 from Dave Cole Decorators, Grand Rapids, was accepted for painting the water tank on East Front street. A low bid of \$16,093 from Bituminous Materials, Inc., South Bend, was accepted for installation of drainage and sidewalks along Main street, between Front and Third streets.

FEES APPROVED

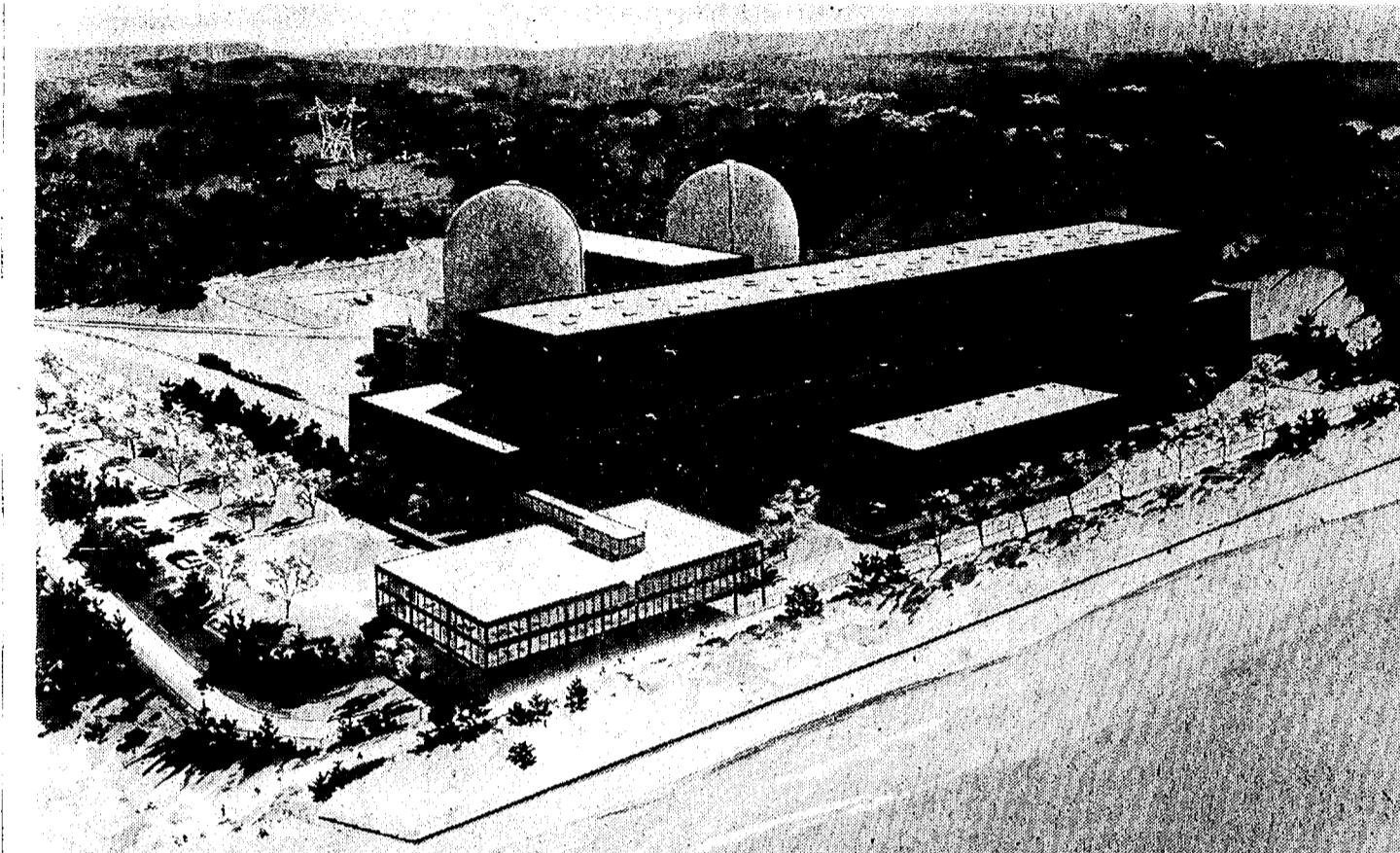
The commission authorized payment of \$1,087 to Donlon Lefgren & Associates, Mishawaka, Ind., for architectural fees on a new addition to the city hall and police station, soon to be under construction.

City Manager Robert Faulhaber was authorized to advertise for bids on a new police patrol car.

Following its procedure over the past several years, the commission voted not to participate in Mayor Exchange day, a function of Michigan Week in May.

Maurice Nelson, a commissioner, was named to represent the city at a meeting of the Berrien County Development committee at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph. The purpose is to form a regional planning agency for Southwestern Michigan and Northern Indiana.

Named to the board of review here were Leo Slatte, Maynard Martin and Rudolph Rodighero.

FOR DEFENDANT
Psychiatric
Treatment
To Be Sought

FINAL VERSION OF NUCLEAR PLANT: This is what the \$300 million Donald C. Cook nuclear plant will look like when it is completed. Now under construction at Bridgeman, the plant's first 1.1 million kilowatt generating unit is scheduled for completion in late 1972, the second unit in 1973. Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. said the low profile silhouette, redesigned office building (lower left) and extensive landscaping are designed to blend the plant with surrounding terrain. Largest building in the complex is the 784-foot long turbine building. Combined with

the office structure it will make a total length of 834 feet along the lake shore. Conical structures are containments for reactor vessels and steam generators. Visitors' center (not pictured) will be at left of plant. Completion of the center is being rushed to give spectators panoramic view of progress of nuclear plant. The architectural firm of Skidmore Owings & Merrill, New York, was consultant to the American Electric Power Service Corp., the plant's engineer-designer.

Petitioners
Try To Halt
Bond IssueDowagiac Library
Target 2nd Time

DOWAGIAC—Petitions were to be circulated here starting this afternoon by citizens interested in stopping the issuance of general obligation bonds to build a new public library.

Carl Mosier, a Dowagiac attorney and former circuit judge, said he is representing 15 citizens who are opposed to a Dowagiac building authority involving the city in a half-million-dollar obligation without a referendum.

Mosier indicated that if enough signatures are obtained within 30 days after the publication of notice to sell bonds, the sale of bonds could be blocked and an election then could be held on the matter.

Bonds were authorized Feb. 2 and notice of issuance was published Feb. 11.

Bonds amounting to \$215,000 would run for 30 years. Interest would amount to \$31,900 for a total obligation of \$546,900. The building authority would own the library for 30 years, during which time the city would pay rent of \$18,200 a year.

Earlier petitions opposed an ordinance to re-zone a site on Center street for the library recently were accepted by the council under court order. The ordinance is suspended until the council acts to repeal or hold an election on the zoning ordinance. A decision on this is expected by the council at its meeting Monday.

Pair Plead
Innocent

PAW PAW — Van Buren county prosecutor William Buhl said Tuesday he will seek to have a 42-year-old Paw Paw woman who is charged with taking indecent liberties with a 2-year-old boy committed for psychiatric treatment.

The woman was arraigned in Seventh District Court here Tuesday. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

Buhl said Paw Paw police arrested the woman about 3 p.m. Monday after she apparently lured the boy and his five-year-old sister into her home.

Buhl said the woman admitted "cuffing" the boy several times to "get the electricity out of his eyes."

The boy was not seriously injured, Buhl said.

Consumers Power Will Spend
\$20 Million On Area Projects

KALAMAZOO — With its \$345,000-volt transmission line project which will connect the Argenta substation at Plainwell with a new substation at Grand Rapids.

This effort is part of a vast project which links Consumers Power and Detroit Edison, principal partners in the Michigan Power Pool, with utilities in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. The line will allow participants to exchange power on a seasonal basis and provide mutual assistance in case of emergency.

As part of a continuing strengthening of the division's electric transmission system, a 46,000-volt line will be built from Rix Road substation to Texas substation. A new substation, Atwater, will serve the city of Kalamazoo water field and the expanding Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Another new substation will be added to serve the Bentheim area of Allegan county. The 46,000-volt Riverview-Travis line will be rebuilt. Additions to increase distribution capacity will be made at the Augusta, Oakwood, Palmer, Otsego and Texas substations.

More than \$2.8 million will be expended on improving the distribution system providing service directly to customers.

This will include an estimated 800 underground services for residential and commercial customers, strengthening of the downtown Kalamazoo underground system, rebuilding the electric distribution system in the city of Allegan, and the construction of overhead distribution poles and line extensions for additional customers.

Nearly all of the \$2.3 million to be spent by the gas department will go toward extension and improvement of the cus-

tomers' gas distribution system. Over 27 miles of gas mains will be laid in the division.

The company will install 5 miles of 16-inch, 4.5 miles of 12-inch and 1 mile of 8-inch steel gas main from Oshtemo township to Parchment to serve the Brown Company and to reinforce the gas supply to the metropolitan Kalamazoo area.

Lee said the company has an area of 1,705 square miles and provides electric service to 88,000 customers and natural gas service to 47,000 users. About 1,750 new gas customers and 2,250 electric consumers will be added this year.

Consumers Power Company provides electric service to more than one million customers and over 830,000 natural gas customers in a service area which includes 67 of the 68 counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

LICENSING POWER

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The six intensive services and child care specialists were picked from the ranks of regular caseworkers on the basis of special aptitudes. They have been scheduled for in-service training and more training is planned.

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MEN'S CLUB

K E E L E R—The Methodist Men's club will meet Sunday at 7 a.m. for breakfast. General area farmer, well-known area farmer, will show slides and talk on mechanical fruit harvesting.

Department
Reorganized
In BerrienSix Workers
Now Free From
Regular Cases

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The Berrien County Social Services department family service division has reorganized to provide six special caseworkers for problem families and child day care homes.

The reorganization, effective a week ago and accomplished with no increase in staff or salaries, frees six specialists to oversee a growing number of child day care homes and help welfare families affected by student absenteeism, child neglect or even child abuse, according to Director Wesley Bowerman and Social Services Supervisor Verne Robbert.

The reorganization increases the normal ADC caseload from 60 to 75 for each regular caseworker, while taking six of their number selected for special aptitudes and training them as "intensive service" or "child care" specialists with smaller caseloads. Three will specialize in each type of service.

10 PER CENT

Robbert estimates 10 per cent of the county's 1,800 ADC families show evidence of disintegration — in school absenteeism, child neglect or child abuse — and will fall under the supervision of the three "intensive service" specialists.

Freed from routine paperwork facing regular caseworkers, the three will spend up to six months, or nine in unusual cases, helping individual families untangle problems. This may include referrals to other agencies, including St. Joseph River Valley Mental Health clinic, school systems, and the county health department, among others.

If the months pass without the family's return to normalcy and to a regular caseworker, a final step may be petitioning the head of the household to probate court in order to put the children in foster homes.

Day care service for the children of working mothers is a growing need for welfare and non-welfare families alike, the social services chiefs say.

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Dog Tag
Deadline
SaturdayVaccination Clinic
At Berrien Center

Saturday is the final day to purchase dog licenses in Michigan without incurring a penalty charge.

Stanley Wolkins, Berrien county chief dog warden, announced a vaccination clinic will be held Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at the county pound, Huckleberry road, Berrien Center. Proof of rabies vaccine is required to obtain a license, which also will be on sale at pound during those hours.

Wolkins said the regular \$3 license fee will rise to \$5 after Saturday.

Licenses also can be obtained at offices of city clerks and township treasurers. Dog owners should check the hours of these offices.

Another licensee gets an extra month's grace this year—1969 passenger and motorcycle plates expire March 31 instead of Feb. 28. Truck and trailer licenses, however, expire Feb. 28. The auto license bureau urged motorists to bring their titles, a requirement this year.

Accident Victim
Is Resident Of
Niles Township

NILES—Jesse Ellis, 61, who died Monday night when struck by an auto on US-31, just north of here, resided at 2229 US-31 North in Niles township. The body was taken to Pifer funeral home.

Mr. Ellis' home address was not determined after the accident. He was pronounced dead at Paw Paw hospital here after being hit by an auto while walking in the roadway, according to state police. The driver was not held.

WILL DEFEND HIMSELF
Defendant Refuses
Free Lawyer OfferJudge Receives Knife
But Misses The Point

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No Effect On Sentencing

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A convicted 31-year-old armed robber, fresh from the Berrien county jail, asked to approach the bench of Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns during

sentencing Tuesday. After taking a couple paces forward, Larry Eugene Poor, of Route 2, Coloma, reached in his clothing, produced a closed pocket knife with 3½-inch blade, and dropped it on the judge's desk.

NONVIOLENT MAN

The gesture was meant to show Judge Byrns that Poor is a "nonviolent man," Poor told the judge.

"I've had the opportunity to use it several times," he said.

Poor claimed he smuggled the knife, a single-blade pocket type used by anglers, into jail when he was jailed on Dec. 10. On that date he was arrested on a charge of using a .32-caliber revolver to rob Hagar township party store owner John A. Gavot of \$209.

Poor was arrested and disarmed at the robbery scene by deputies, pleaded guilty Dec. 29, and was in Judge Byrns' court Tuesday for sentence.

Poor told the judge his trouble with the law dated from a "bad discharge" from the

Detroit police. Poor also is sought by Detroit police on a charge of fleeing and



THE KNIFE

cluding police.

The most recent incident involving a defendant and a weapon in court occurred Jan. 14, 1969, when sheriff's deputies removed a paring knife from the clothing of convicted murderer Vaughn Ray Rodgers a few yards from where Judge Byrns was to sentence Rodgers to a 99-year prison term.

Contrary to the trend in Berrien circuit court, a criminal defendant Tuesday refused an offer of free counsel and told Judge Julian Hughes he'll defend himself in trial. Willie Louis Brown, 36, of Cheboygan, also refused his right to jury trial and asked for a "bench trial," or trial before the judge and without a jury. Brown repeatedly refused Judge Hughes' offer of legal counsel, even free counsel if Brown is indigent. Brown said he was without funds, but he still didn't want the free attorney.

Judge Karl F. Zick is scheduled to hear the case.

Brown is accused of arson in the burning of a 1966 Cadillac convertible valued at \$1,500 on June 1, 1969, in New Buffalo township. He was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 bond.